

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 4-12, 14-21, 32, 33, 35-41, and 47-52 are pending in this application; and Claims 4, 6, 7, 9, and 32 are amended by the present amendment.

For the Examiner's convenience, the attached Appendix includes a listing of the claims as currently amended with respect to the claims as previously presented.

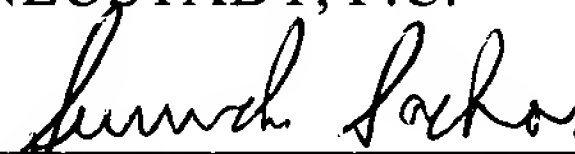
The present response is a reply to a Communication with the Examiner on October 30, 2007. The present response is not a response to any Official Action, as Applicant has not received an Official Action since the Official Action dated July 20, 2000. The present response amends Claims 4, 6, 7, 9, and 32 as requested by the Examiner. No new matter is added.

Further, please find enclosed a Supplemental Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. §1.175(a), executed by the inventor. The Supplemental Declaration properly references the claims containing errors, and the specific language from which the errors arise. The Supplemental Declaration further states that all errors corrected since the previously filed Declaration (during prosecution and including the present amendment) arose without any deceptive intent on the part of the Applicant.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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